

SENATE BILL NO. 228

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A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT PROVIDING THAT ALL MEMBERS OF THE HIGHWAY PATROL OFFICERS' RETIREMENT SYSTEM ARE ELIGIBLE FOR A FULL SERVICE RETIREMENT AFTER 20 YEARS OF SERVICE REGARDLESS OF AGE; AMENDING SECTION 19-6-501, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE."

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

Section 1. Section 19-6-501, MCA, is amended to read:

"19-6-501. Eligibility for service retirement benefit. ~~(1) A member first employed by the Montana highway patrol on or before July 1, 1985, is eligible to receive a service retirement benefit after completing 20 years or more of membership service and terminating service.~~

~~(2) A member first employed by the Montana highway patrol after July 1, 1985, is eligible to receive a service retirement benefit when the member has reached age 50, completed 20 years or more of membership service, and terminated service."~~

NEW SECTION. **Section 2. Effective date.** [This act] is effective on passage and approval.

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